(a) whether Government hav; drawn up soma programme to boost tourism by giving proper encouragement and incentives;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes thereof;

(c) whether the programme is likely to bring in valuable foreign exchange earnings besides generating emplayment avenues for 10 millions people; and

(d) if so details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZA.D,i. (a) and (b) The development, of tourism by encouraging private sector investment is a continuous process and a wtunber of incentives are presently available for the same. These include tax incentives, interest subsidy, reduced customs duty on import of capital goods, capital subsidy to heritage hotels[1] etc

(c) and (d) rourism ;s already one of the largest foreign exchange earners f the country apart being employment generator. The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1993-94 was Rs. 4573 crores The direct employment in the tourism sector during I3S2-93 is estimated to fee 6.S6 million persons

Harassment of lady pilot

329. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

whether it is a ?act that a ..ady pilot in Indian Airlines was harrased by the other male pilot for her refuse[1'] to have physicaj relation -.vifh a colleague *'a* lie pilot:

(b) whether it is also a fact that IA male pilots have issued circular to Association members to bycott flights with the lady pilot in question; and

(c) what measures Government proposes to protect the lady pii;tc in the services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD). (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

tfoncessiom on air fare

330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister o£ CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM ba pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concession hag been granted for the air fare on the selected routes; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for not granting concession on other routes;

(c; whether Government would allow the Air taxi operators to grant such concession; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Gov-nment have prevented Air taxi lerators for introducing passengers comfart such ag providing fre$_e$ drinks etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND' TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has offered . per cent concession on return journey fares lor a limited period on the Sallowing routes: —

(i) Bombay-Delhi-Bomboy or vice vera (valid from 1-8-94 to 31-10-94).

(ii) Bombay - Bangalore . Bombay ox vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.10.94).

(iii) Bombay . Calcutta - Bombay or vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.12.94).